

PRESIDENT'S INTEREST IN DISTRICT AFFAIRS

Said to Have Urged Vigorous Prosecution of Smoke Law Cases.

ENDED ATTORNEYS' AGREEMENT

Made Pointed Suggestion to Commissioners About the Matter.

CHANGE IN THE PROGRAMME

Each Suit Against the Washington Traction Company Will Now Be Pushed Whether the First Case Is Lost or Won—About Police Court Penalties.

Few occupants of the White House have shown so much interest in the administration of the affairs of the District of Columbia as President Roosevelt is exhibiting.

The President is said to be greatly interested in the prosecutions now going on in the Police Court of persons accused of violating the anti-smoke law, and it is stated that he watches carefully for the result in each case.

Attracted President's Attention.

This item fell under the eye of the President, it is said, and he at once put the stamp of condemnation upon the conduct.

It is reported on good authority that the President lost no time in notifying the District Commissioners of his strong disapproval of this agreement, and requesting them to inform the Government's attorneys in charge of these prosecutions that no matter what the result of the case referred to might be, every other suit now pending, and every one that might be instituted, should be determined in court and the side of the Government vigorously set forth.

Prompt Action Taken

This message from the Executive Mansion was promptly imparted to Messrs. Edward H. Thomas and James L. Pugh, Assistant City Solicitors, who have had the suits in hand, and they have informed Mr. J. J. Darlington and Judge C. C. Cole, attorneys for Mr. Sinclair, that the agreement mentioned must be broken.

There are still ten suits pending against the United States Electric Lighting Company, and twenty-three against the street railway corporations connected with the Washington traction establishment, and each in turn will now occupy the attention of the Police Court. It is predicted that it will take months to get rid of all of them, and in the meantime others will be piling up.

Judge Cole Gives a Hint.

The action of the President, it is alleged, leaked out yesterday, after Judge Cole had addressed the jury in the Police Court in a suit against Mr. Sinclair. He said, during his remarks, that there was a higher power than the Commissioners behind the anti-smoke crusade. Judge Cole, it is said, had been told that his and Mr. Darlington's understanding with the Government's attorneys in regard to the quashing of proceedings in other similar suits must be vacated.

While this action on the part of the President would naturally leave the inference that he is an anti-smoke advocate, there is doubt in the minds of many on this point. It has frequently been asserted that the war now being waged on smoke-makers is the direct outcome of a purpose to make the anti-smoke law so unpopular that it would become a dead letter. It is hinted that the President may not be the ardent supporter of this law that his alleged action in the premises seems to indicate, and that he sees in relentless prosecution the quickest and surest way to bring about its repeal or modification.

Thinks Penalties Too Small.

Another instance of President Roosevelt's deep interest in District affairs is said to be shown in a communication he is alleged to have recently forwarded to the Commissioners concerning the police courts. He is said to possess much knowledge of the limit of fines allowed by law for offenses, big and little, and that persons may be punished in this tribunal, and that he has expressed dissatisfaction with what he deems assessments entirely too light for sins charged and proven.

ROCK ISLAND'S WITHDRAWAL

Passenger Agents Discuss Effect on Western Passenger Association.

CHICAGO, April 4.—A conference over the withdrawal of the Rock Island Railroad from the Western Passenger Association was held yesterday at the office of P. S. Eustis, general passenger agent of the Burlington Railway, and chairman of the executive committee of the association.

The passenger officials all declared they believed it necessary to maintain an organization, and most of them opposed the idea of consolidating the Western, Southwestern and Transcontinental Associations.

It was generally admitted that the withdrawal of any big system like the Rock Island from the association might lead to a rate war unless reorganization of the association could be effected.

MISS CONGER TO MARRY.

Will Be Wedded to N. D. Moulton Tomorrow.

IOWA CITY, Iowa, April 4.—Miss Anna Conger, of Des Moines, a niece of Minister Conger, who was with the American party during the siege of Pekin, will be married in Des Moines tomorrow to Myron D. Moulton, of Stuart, Iowa.

President Roosevelt Takes a Hand

More interest is being taken in District affairs by the present occupant of the White House, it is declared, than has been the case for many years. This is said to have been shown by a request to the Commissioners for a vigorous prosecution of the small law violators and also by a hint to the Police Court that the penalties imposed in most cases were too small.

DEVERY TO GO ABROAD.

The ex-Chief of the New York Police Is Said to Be Ill.

NEW YORK, April 4.—Coinciding with the upheaval in the police department, and the threatened exposure of the system of blackmail covering the excise situation, and the protection of gambling and other forms of vice, comes the announcement that ex-Chief of Police William S. Devery is ill, and may have to seek a change of climate.

A report was current that Devery's physicians had advised him that he is suffering from Bright's disease and complications, and that he would have to make a radical change in his manner of life, and it is said he is now arranging his affairs so that he can go abroad as early as possible.

IDENTITY OF THE YOUNG CHICAGO FORGER FOUND

"Anderson" Son of Robert H. Walton of Brooklyn.

Prisoner Breaks Down Upon Starting to Serve His Ten-Year Sentence, and Tells Who He Is.

CHICAGO, April 4.—James Edgar Walton, who says he is the son of Robert H. Walton, a Brooklyn millionaire shipbuilder, was taken back to the Government prison at Moundsville, W. Va., yesterday to serve out a ten-year sentence for forgery.

Walton, who is only twenty-three years old, was arrested a few days ago on complaint of the American Express Company, which asserts that the prisoner had forged and cashed money orders to the extent of \$1,000.

The young man gave the name of Anderson, and refused to give any information which might lead to his identity. When Sheriff Truax from Moundsville arrived in Chicago yesterday to take the prisoner back, the fugitive broke down and confessed to numerous crimes committed through the Middle-West States, and said that he was the son of Robert H. Walton, millionaire shipbuilder of Brooklyn and New Jersey.

EGG FRYING STOPS BUSINESS OF COURT

Boy Upset Pan and Family Had to Be Excused as Witnesses.

NEW YORK, April 4.—Harry Brewer, thirteen years old, of 265 Bergen Street, Newark, N. J., decided that he would have fried eggs for luncheon, and his choice of food clogged the Supreme Court of the State, with the Chief Justice presiding.

Minnie B. Brewer, Harry's sister, is suing Morris Cohn, Henry Reinhardt, and the Newark Bill Posting Company for \$10,000 damages for injuries received by the fall of an advertising fence in front of 286 Halsey Street, Newark, last October. She alleges she suffered concussion of the brain and broken collar-bone.

All the family save Harry are witnesses. When Harry reached home from school at noon he found no meal ready, so he started to fry himself some eggs. The grease in the pan caught fire. He seized the spider and made a rush for the sink.

PHI KAPPA PSI'S GIVE BALL.

Baltimore Trying to Secure the Next Grand Arch Council.

PITTSBURG, April 4.—The second day's session of the semi-annual convention of the Grand Arch Council of the Phi Kappa Psi closed last night with a brilliant reception and ball at the Hotel Henry, tendered by local members of the fraternity. About 500 persons attended.

The committee on state of the fraternity reported perfect harmony among the chapters and affairs generally in fine condition.

The committee on banner and coat-of-arms reported, but after discussion action was deferred until the next meeting of the Grand Arch Council.

MERGER BILL PASSED.

Iowa Senate Adopts Measure by Large Majority.

DES MOINES, Iowa, April 4.—The Senate last night passed the famous Hubbard merger bill, after amending it so as to make it less objectionable to some of the opponents of the measure.

It passed by a vote of twenty-seven to five, and will probably be passed by the House.

NO BALLET MONEY FOR CHURCH BELL

Deacon Refuse to Accept Proceeds of Dance to Furnish Belfry.

VINELAND, N. J., April 4.—Rather than use the money raised by skirt and ballet dancing, the members of the West Baptist Church of this place have decided to dispense with a bell in the tower of their new edifice.

The church, being in need of a bell, Frank Marston, one of its most enthusiastic supporters, decided to have the juvenile minstrel troupe which played at Young's Pier, Atlantic City, last summer, give a performance to raise the needed money. Many of the women folk thought from its name the troupe was composed of little boys and girls. They were treated to a big surprise. The company proved to be made up of a number of men, who sang and danced in tight.

The performance created much talk, and the church deacons decided not to accept the proceeds of the show, which was financially a big success for the troupe.

SETTLEMENT OF THE ROBERT GOELET ESTATE

Commissions for Executors Reach \$471,606.

Robert Walton Goelet Now in Full Possession of All the Property, Which Is Valued at Nearly \$6,000,000.

NEW YORK, April 4.—Unusually large commissions are to be paid to George G. De Witt and Mrs. Harriette W. Goelet as executors and trustees under the will of Robert Goelet for their administration of his vast estate, as is shown by a judgment that has just been signed by Judge Truax, of the Supreme Court, settling upon their accounts and disposing of several questions relative to the construction of certain portions of the will of the millionaire.

Not only does Mrs. Goelet receive an annuity of \$200,000, in accordance with the provisions of her husband's will, but as trustee and also as executor she will pay to herself the sum of \$235,803 as her aggregate commissions on sums that have passed through her hands in both capacities since the death of her husband.

Estate of Many Millions.

They brought suit for the purpose of settling their accounts and other questions, and the proceedings show the extent of the personal property that has passed through their hands, but give no idea of the value of the various pieces of real estate left by Mr. Goelet, estimated to be worth \$2,000,000. The aggregate valuation of \$12,868,414. Owing to the death of Miss Beatrice Goelet on February 11 last, her brother, Robert Walton Goelet, inherits her share of her father's fortune.

Robert Goelet died on April 27, 1859, on his yacht, the Nahma, off Naples. He left a widow, Harriette W. Goelet, and a son, Robert H. Goelet, who is now a resident of this city, and also one-half of his personal property in trust, the income to be paid to his daughter, Beatrice, for life, with the remainder to her issue. In the event of there being no issue, the property is to go to his son, Robert Walton Goelet.

RELICS OF VANISHED RACE.

Skeletons and Strange Implements Found in California.

REDDING, Cal., April 4.—Edgar Cox, a mining and timber contractor, has discovered in Lassen County, California, a number of human skeletons and strange implements of the Indians. The skeletons were found in a lava-buried village. Peculiarly shaped dishes, weapons, clay models, skeletons and tools, instruments and articles, altogether unknown to modern civilization, have been found.

The spot will be thoroughly explored, and if there is an ancient ruin science will have an opportunity to determine what it is and was.

A party of timber surveyors were picking their way over the rough country south of the defile called Noodle's Pass to cross the rugged range. In the very shadow of an ancient cone they found a number of surprising odd and shape. Descending a little ravine, they began to dig, and soon unearthed skeletons in various positions, as though dead, and some suddenly upon the people living there.

Next the searchers came upon rude spoons and bowls, hammers, chisels and other articles, as though they had been implements of the Indians. The surveyors became convinced that they had chanced upon relics of a race that antedated the Indians.

POWDER KEG EXPLODED.

Curiosity and a Cigarette Work a Catastrophe.

MIDDLETOWN, Conn., April 4.—George Andrews, sixteen years old, a negro, left the top of a gunpowder keg to see what was inside this morning.

A spark from his lighted cigarette fell into the powder. Andrews' scalp was blown off and one eye put out. There is a chance for his recovery.

Robbers Hold Up a Train.

Train Stopped, and Passengers Held.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., April 4.—Burlington train No. 13, which left this city at 11:40 last night, was held up by four masked men. Nothing of value was secured. At 3 o'clock this morning a special train with police officers and railroad officials left for the scene of the robbery.

IMPORTS THAT SHOW GREATEST INCREASE

Manufacturers' Materials at Head of the List.

IMMENSE DECREASE IN COST

Quantity of Raw Cotton Brought Into This Country Nearly Doubled, But Its Value Was Only About 65 Per Cent Greater—True of Other Articles.

The announcement of the Treasury Bureau of Statistics that the importations of manufacturers' materials have increased \$57,000,000, while the total imports of all kinds were increasing but \$61,000,000, has awakened interest in the details of these importations.

To supply the information thus asked, the Bureau of Statistics has prepared a statement showing the principal articles which make up the class known as manufacturers' materials, and comparing the quantity imported in the present fiscal year with the same months of the preceding year.

When compared by quantities it is still more striking than that which presented merely values, for it shows a material decrease in the cost of the manufacturing material per unit of quantity in many cases.

Chief Importations. Raw cotton, silk, wool, fibres, tobacco, hides, rubber, wood, tin, copper, and chemicals form the bulk of the importations of raw materials for use in manufacturing. In nearly all of these a comparison of the quantities and values of the importations of 1902 with those of 1901 shows that the increase in quantity is greater than the increase in value.

In raw cotton, for example, the quantity imported in the eight months ended with February was 63,295,567 pounds against 39,831,830 pounds in the corresponding months of 1901. The value of the raw cotton in the eight months was \$7,496,883 against \$4,642,581 in the eight months of last year. In other words, the quantity of raw cotton imported in the eight months ended with February, 1902, while the value increased but about 65 per cent, the quantity of India rubber was, in the last eight months, 33,325,309 pounds against 32,281,786 pounds in the same months ended with February, 1901. The value of the India rubber in the eight months was \$1,676,157 against \$1,676,157 in the same months ended with February, 1901. It will be observed, the quantities for the two periods are almost identical, while the value in 1902 shows a reduction of about 23 per cent as compared with that of 1901.

Silk and Tin.

Raw silk also shows a decrease in the cost per unit of quantity. The imports of the eight months just ended were 8,825,541 pounds, against 8,247,881 pounds in the corresponding months ended with February, 1901. The value of the silk in the eight months was \$29,258,631, against \$23,845,062 in the eight months ended with February, 1901. In this case it will be observed that the quantities are almost identical, but that the cost in the more recent period is about two and a half millions less than that for the earlier period.

Of tin, for use in manufacturing tin plate, the imports of the past eight months were 47,452,951 pounds, valued at \$11,725,472; while in the eight months ended with February, 1901, the imports were 44,022,983 pounds, valued at \$9,969,964. While in the eight months ended with February, 1902, the total was \$12,827,388, valued at \$9,296,442. Thus while the quantity shows an increase of about 50 per cent, that of cost shows an increase of about 15 per cent.

Tobacco and Wool.

Of tobacco the imports of the past eight months were 18,463,751 pounds, valued at \$9,268,856, while in the eight months ended with February, 1901, the imports were 18,463,751 pounds, valued at \$9,268,856. The quantity of wool in the eight months was 12,627,308 pounds, valued at \$3,296,442. In this case the cost in the two periods was about identical, but the quantity in the 1902 period was about 9 per cent greater than that of 1901.

MAD WOMAN'S ACT.

Burned All Her Husband's Savings in Sight of Neighbors.

NEW YORK, April 4.—Mrs. Mary Bendorf, aged thirty-five, the wife of Henry Bendorf, a carpenter, of 64 Stage Street, Williamsburg, became violently insane at her home last night, and before she was removed to the Flatbush Asylum she burned up several hundred dollars in bills, her husband's savings for ten years.

Mrs. Bendorf spent much of her time at home watching her wife and children, and when she was alone she would even burn up the money. She was taken to the Flatbush Asylum last night, and the children ran out of the house. Neighbors who went into her room saw her walking about in a dazed way, and she tried to strike the point of the knife into her head.

Then she took from under a mattress her husband's savings, about \$500, and applied a match to them. She watched the money burning with a laugh. In the meantime a search had been made for Bendorf, and when he was found he hastened to his room.

He nearly went insane himself when he learned that his savings were gone. His wife backed him, but he defended himself without hurting her. Dr. Galt, an ambulance surgeon from St. Catherine's Hospital, had the woman pinioned and sent to an asylum.

ROCKVILLE RACE TRACK.

Agricultural Society Making Ready for Its Construction.

ROCKVILLE, Md., April 4.—The Agricultural Society of this county is now busily engaged in the making of plans for the construction of the half-mile race track to be placed on the grounds at this place before the next annual exhibition in September next.

Some weeks ago at a meeting of the society a loan of \$10,000 was voted for the purpose of erecting the half-mile track along with other improvements. The committee in charge, Messrs. Lee Oluf, David H. Warfield, Charles W. Fields, and Charles Veira, have surveyed and are now waiting for the consummation of the purchase of the six and a half acres of land adjacent to the present grounds from the Dawson property before they will begin active work. The additional ground purchased lies back of the present location.

Among the improvements to be made will be a new grandstand, a supply of just below the site of the present building, and which will seat 2,500 people. The bottom at the lower end of the present track will be filled up, a number of new stables will be built and fencing rebuilt to make the ground a first-class place for its original intention. The committee in charge says that active operations will begin about April 20.

VICTIM OF DISEASE TREATED IN OTHERS

Dr. Clinton H. Catherwood, of New York, Stricken With Consumption.

NEW YORK, April 4.—Dr. Clinton H. Catherwood, who has devoted his time and money not only to the scientific investigation of tuberculosis, but to the gratuitous treatment of the consumptive poor, has contracted the disease from one of his patients and is now on his way to Colorado, hoping that the climate there will help him save his life.

He is twenty-seven years old, and has been practicing medicine only a few years. When he left college and started on a career which, because of his wealth and aristocratic position, was a most promising one, he was robust and athletic. At college he had been particularly interested in the experiments made with tuberculosis bacilli, and when he was graduated he began the practice of medicine. He resolved to make the study and treatment of consumption a specialty.

His relatives tried to dissuade him from the special course he had marked for himself, but without avail.

MR. JEROME LAUGHS AT POLITICAL REPORT

Has No Thought Now of the Governorship.

To Keep Both Town and Suburban Establishments and Divide His Time Between Them.

NEW YORK, April 4.—Democratic politicians in this city expressed interest yesterday in a statement reported to have been made by ex-Mayor James K. McGuire, of Syracuse, that he might run for the office of Lieutenant Governor next fall if District Attorney Jerome, of New York county, were nominated for Governor on the Democratic ticket.

Mr. Jerome laughed at the report yesterday. He took luncheon with his wife in his new home at No. 4 Rutgers Street, and slept there last night. He expects to live in the house for at least four years and keep a branch of the District Attorney's office there. He has no thought of running for the office of Governor, or any other office, he says, until the end of that time.

Mrs. Jerome will live at Lakeville, Conn., in their summer home, keeping his son with her. She will come to the city every Thursday, according to present plans, and will take Mr. Jerome to Lakeville every Friday afternoon. Mr. Jerome will stay at Lakeville over Sunday and return to his work on Monday morning.

TRAIN STRIKES LANDSLIDE.

Two Men Were Killed, a Third Injured, and Train Demolished.

PITTSBURG, April 4.—Harry Dheen, fireman, of Williamsport, and W. Mosher, brakeman, of Olean, N. Y., were killed and Engineer J. A. Williams, of Pittsburgh, was probably fatally injured in a freight wreck at Cradell, on the Buffalo and Allegheny division of the Pennsylvania Railroad at 12:30 o'clock this morning.

The train collided with a pile of rocks that fell on the tracks immediately in front of the train, which was running at full speed.

The engine and thirteen cars of freight were sent flying down a steep embankment, rolling over and over, stopping just at the edge of the Allegheny River.

Two of the wrecked cars were loaded with cattle. Twenty of the animals were killed and fifty injured.

Eleven cars were loaded with general merchandise, and little of them remains. At Cradell, which is about fifteen miles above here, the road is cut from the mountain side. On one side is a steep, rocky bluff, while on the other is a precipitous declivity leading down to the river.

More than 100 tons of rock became dislodged from the bluff, and fell just as the train approached.

The trainmen were powerless to check speed, and the train plunged into the obstruction with a terrific crash.

The three victims were hurled over the embankment and were caught under the wreckage. The bodies of Dheen and Mosher were taken to New Kensington.

As to a. m. the road was again opened to traffic.

YALE STUDENTS VICTORIOUS.

Faculty Yield to Appeal for Restoration of "Fence."

NEW HAVEN, Conn., April 4.—The end of the discussion between the Yale undergraduates and the faculty over the Yale fence came today when college re-opened, with the old fence remodeled by the addition of fully 200 feet of new rails.

For some time there has been friction between students and faculty over the restoration of the fence, the latter criticizing the undergraduates for annoying the "prom" guests from it in January last. At that time part of the sophomore force was sent down as a punishment to the students. The undergraduates protested, and friction resulted, ending now in the restoration of the old sophomore fence and the addition of new sections.

The Yale fence, which is the centre of college life in New Haven, now extends from Phelps Gateway around the north end of the campus to Old Library, a distance of about 600 feet.

A PHYSICIAN HURT.

Helped Himself.

When the doctor himself brings on heart disease by the use of office it is time for ordinary people to think carefully of the effect of that beverage.

The testimony of Dr. O. W. Mathewson, 1354 Penn. Ave., Des Moines, Ia., is as follows: "His life has been a long and this extract is necessarily condensed."

"I am a physician of 15 years' practice. I felt the need of a stimulant, and for the first five or six years of my practice used Postum Coffee. Eight or ten years ago I began to notice symptoms of heart disease. This seemed to be a regular or irregular type and year by year became aggravated. Dizziness, faintness and later inability to walk, at times.

Physicians could find no marked symptoms of disease but thought there might be of a kind that escaped observation. Finally I became a confirmed invalid and gave up practice.

Several years elapsed with the symptoms growing worse. I was considered as marked for an early grave. It finally became impressed upon me to give up coffee. This I did, and in such a short time I was able to get on my feet. I did this more to satisfy my friends than with any hope of benefit from such a simple change, especially in such a case as mine. I was debilitated and very weak and about 30 pounds short of my old weight.

From the first week I noticed a marked change, and within three months I was almost fully restored to my old strength and health. These facts are known to hundreds of my friends and acquaintances."

PREACHER ATTACKS TITLES AND SNOBBERY

NEW YORK, April 4.—At the session of the Methodist conference yesterday Rev. Dr. J. O. Wilson, in preaching the conference sermon, after adjuring the ministers to be energetic in their work, took occasion to say many caustic things about royalty and titled persons. Referring to John, of Biblical times, he said:

"John was an athlete, but I hardly think he would appeal so much to the American people on that ground as on the ground that he became a king."

"I heartily concur," he added, "in the cordial welcome that was accorded to Prince Henry as a representative of the German Emperor, but I was most heartily disgusted when I saw the snobbery and the groveling of those who simply fell on their faces to do honor to the visit just because he was a king."

Dr. Wilson said that much the same spirit was displayed by the American women who marry titled foreigners.

"Here," he said, "is a renegade foreign nobleman. His reputation is blasted, his pocketbook is empty and his vitality is wasted. What should he do? Does he marry a titled lady in his own country?"

HAS TWO SETS OF POLICE.

Both Are Active and Rutland, Vt., Has to Toe the Mark.

RUTLAND, Vt., April 4.—The city of Rutland now has two complete sets of patrolmen and two chiefs of police. Both sets are doing patrol duty and making arrests, and all expect to draw their salaries.

There is great competition between them as to the number of arrests and strictness of vigilance, and what part of Rutland is not in custody is living a life of strictest virtue, sobriety, and obedience to the slightest law.

When the first meeting of the new board of aldermen was held Wednesday evening Mayor David W. Temple, the first Democrat to become Rutland's chief executive, nominated E. H. Lawson as Chief of Police, and also nominated four patrolmen, a total of five.

This force went to the police station yesterday morning to take possession, but Chief of Police John W. Blanchard and his five patrolmen refused to give up their jobs. The city ordinance provides that patrolmen shall serve one year, or until their successors are appointed.

Mayor Temple declines to appoint another patrolman to solve the difficulty, and matters will remain as they are for the present.

Typewritten MSS. Barred.

PARIS, April 4.—The play censors here have issued an edict against typewritten manuscripts, which, they say, injure the eyes. They will use only script copies.

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